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Actor Neil Patrick Harris and U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer met to discuss a proposed tax law that would aid live theater in NYC. / GETTY IMAGES

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Today's tweet

"Good god, people in New York look so haggard and bleak, like they spent the winter in a turnip cellar."
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Poetry

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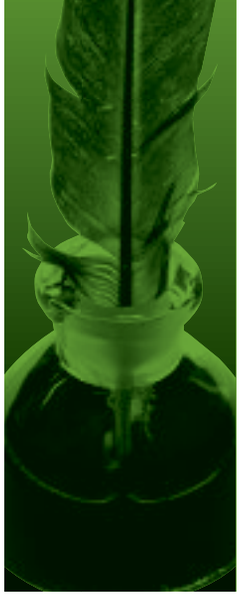

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Broadway stars lobby for live theater tax break

Great White Way. The bill would equalize live theater and film.

Stage stars and officials are pushing a proposal they said would make the neon lights on Broadway brighter to investors.

Actors Neil Patrick Harris, Tyne Daly and Bryan Cranston joined U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer on Monday to support legislation that would give Broadway and live theater productions a tax break.

"Investing in Broadway and live theater is often a big risk," Schumer said. His bill would amend the federal tax code to allow 100 percent of investments in productions to be deductible up to $15 million, even if a show flops.

With increased investment, the tax break would create "thousands and thousands" more jobs for actors and crew workers, according to Schumer.

Currently playing President Lyndon B. Johnson in "All the Way" on Broadway, "Breaking Bad" star Cranston said the proposal is good for the tourism industry and would encourage investment in "fringe" projects.

"Full houses is what we're looking for," Cranston said. "Adventurous, new storytelling and making sure that every theater in New York has a play."

Schumer said the amendment would put live shows on the "same footing" as film and TV projects, which already benefit from the tax break.

The proposal was tacked onto a tax bill that passed the Senate Finance Committee last week. Schumer's office expects the Senate to vote on the bill in the coming weeks.

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Cast members from Broadway shows, including Bryan Cranston and Neil Patrick Harris, got together with Sen. Chuck Schumer to push the proposed legislation. / GETTY IMAGES

Cocaine-stuffed meat leads to bust

The cocaine was stuffed inside of the goat's meat.
U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

Customs authorities found more than seven pounds of cocaine hidden inside frozen goat meat at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection stopped Yudishtir Maharaj as he arrived at the airport from Port of Spain, Trinidad, on March 20. Officers found three white plastic bags with frozen ground meat in his luggage, each with an added surprise.

Upon probing, officers said they found white powder that allegedly tested positive for cocaine.

The bricks, weighing a total of 7.35 pounds, were confiscated, and Maharaj was turned over to Homeland Security.

Maharaj faces narcotics smuggling charges and prosecution by the U.S. Attorney's Office.

"This latest seizure demonstrates the vigilance of our CBP officers and their excellence in detecting those who would try to smuggle these illegal substances," said Robert Perez, field operations director for U.S. Customs in New York. CHESTER JESUS SORIA

Coney Island

NYPD arrests teen tied to fire that injured two cops

Police arrested a teen in connection to Sunday's blaze in Coney Island that left two NYPD officers in critical condition from smoke inhalation.

Marcell Dockery, 16, was questioned on Monday by investigating officers, who suspect the boy of setting a mattress aflame in the 18-story, city-owned apartment building on 2007 Surf Ave.

Dockery, who lives on the 12th floor of the same building, was charged with arson, reckless endangerment and two counts of assault, cops said. CHESTER JESUS SORIA

School report

City arts education lacking

A new report paints a dire portrait of arts education in New York City schools.

The "State of the Arts" report, released by Comptroller Scott Stringer Monday, found arts education lacking citywide, with the shortage disproportionately affecting the lowest-income communities.

Art class / GETTY IMAGES

Overall, one in five city schools don't have a full- or part-time certified arts teacher, despite a state law requiring that middle and high school students receive arts instruction from a certified teacher, according to the report's analysis of data from last year.

The deficiency is worse in low-income areas like the South Bronx and Central Brooklyn, where the report found that more than 42 percent of schools don't have certified arts teachers. ANNA SANDERS

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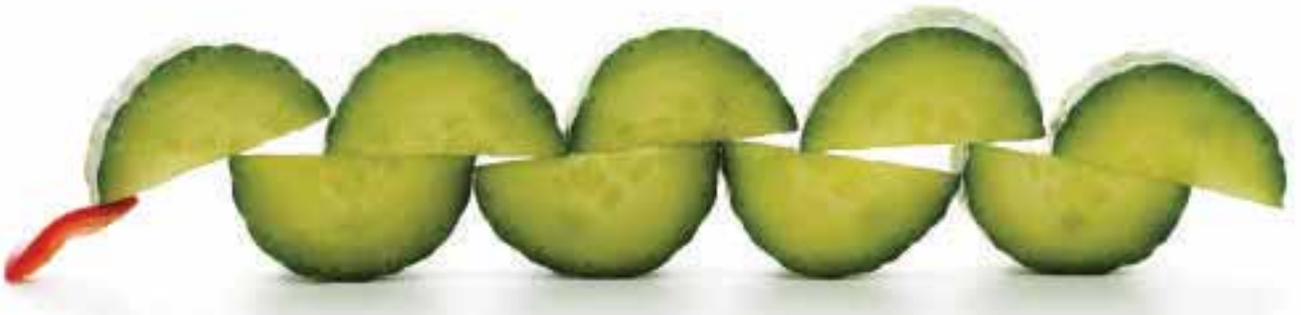

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Train driver in fatal Metro-North crash had sleep disorder

Deadly. The results were released in a new report.

Four people were killed in the crash and more than 70 were injured. / GETTY IMAGES

The driver of a train that derailed in December in New York City, killing four passengers, had an undiagnosed sleep disorder at the time of the accident, the National Transportation Safety Board said on Monday.

William Rockefeller, the engineer at the controls of the Metro-North commuter train that derailed in the Bronx on Dec. 1, suffered from severe sleep apnea, which can cause drowsiness, according to documents published by the safety board on Monday.

The diagnosis came from a doctor specializing in sleep disorders and who examined Rockefeller in December at the safety board's request.

Sleep apnea

The disorder, characterized by shallow or interrupted breathing during sleep, often goes undiagnosed, according to the U.S. National Institutes of Health.

Jeffrey Chartier, Rockefeller's lawyer, also confirmed the diagnosis.

Rockefeller's condition appeared to have been aggravated by his assignment to an early-morning shift before the crash, Chartier said.

The safety board on Monday also released transcripts of other interviews. The investigation continues and the board has not released its final analysis. REUTERS

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East New York

City breaks ground on housing project

A long-awaited project to bring almost 800 affordable housing units to Brooklyn finally broke ground on Monday, which the de Blasio administration is counting toward a tally of new homes for New York City's working class.

Mayor Bill de Blasio and Alicia Glen, the mayor's deputy for housing and economic development, joined local leaders in East New York on Monday for the first dig into the new development.

Scheduled for completion by December 2016, the first phase of Livonia Commons project will bring 278 affordable units within four buildings on what used to be vacant, city-owned land.

The mayor said that his administration's goal of 200,000 new affordable units would reclaim the city's own underdeveloped spaces to meet the city's objective.

"Our affordable housing strategy means we don't leave any land untouched that we can reach," de Blasio said.

At the event, Glen also announced that the city would soon start looking for developers to launch the second phase, which would bring another 225 apartments.

"Overall, it's really about a comprehensive neighborhood-based approach to development that will include really important necessary retail and community facilities," Glen said, adding that the city would look closely at proposals that include supermarkets, day care and other resources needed by its residents and neighbors.

Livonia Commons marks de Blasio's second major affordable housing announcement since taking office in January.

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Mayor Bill de Blasio

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Stone unturned

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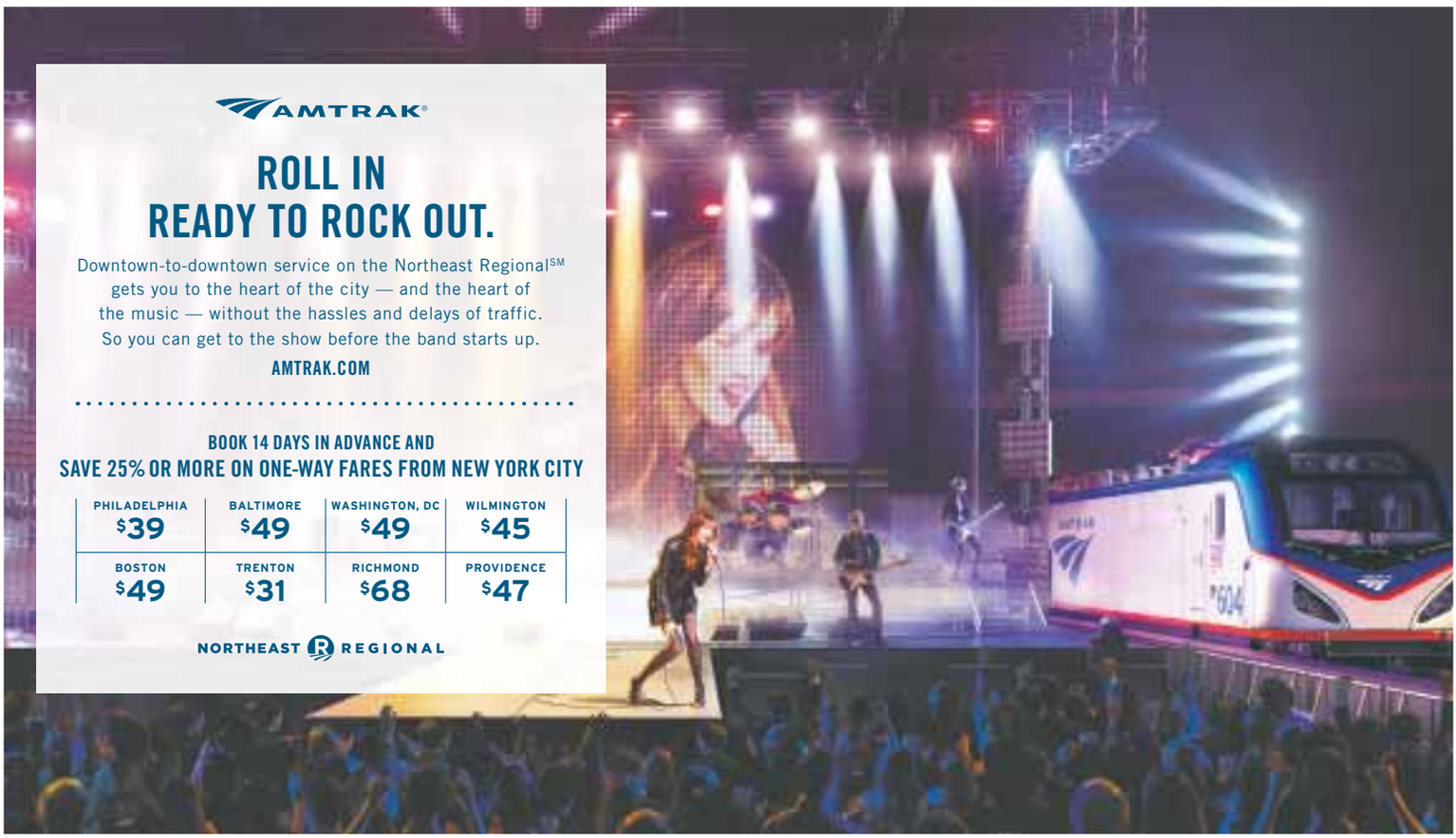
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Tech. 'Terrible Ideas Hackathon' creates absurd, useless projects

A Google Glass app designed to make you vomit on command, electronic circuitry powered by the energy in ground beef and a game that encourages bad hygiene: All were on display over the weekend at the "Stupid Sh*t No One Needs and Terrible Ideas Hackathon."

The event, part of NYU's Interactive Telecommunications Program, asked participating coders, engineers and designers to create projects that were as absurd and devoid of practical value as possible.

"We wanted to make something that really gave people an opportunity to produce things of no value whatsoever, and things that no one needed, and to exercise all of their terrible ideas," said Sam Lavigne, an ITP student who, along with fellow student Amelia Winger-Bearskin, co-organized the event.

The mood was decidedly lighthearted. "The atmosphere around ITP in general is playful, but this is even more playful," said David Tracy, an architect. "It's playful with no sense of serious agenda. It's kind of liberating."

Behind the silliness, however, was a critique of similar, less self-aware events, according to Lavigne and Winger-Bearskin.

"You really only have to go to one hackathon to decide that they're stupid," said Winger-Bearskin.

ANDY CUSH

A project to conduct electricity from raw meat.

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Smack the pinata

Some 75 registrants competed in categories such as "The Internet of Stupid Things" and "Edible Electronics."

- They were vying for a chance to hit a pinata filled with cigarettes and candy while wearing a virtual reality mask.

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Wedding photos

Supreme Court declines free speech, gay marriage case

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday declined to consider whether a New Mexico photography company had free speech grounds to refuse to shoot the commitment ceremony of a same-sex couple.

The court's refusal to intervene means an August 2013 New Mexico Supreme Court decision against the company remains intact. Albuquerque-based Elane Photography had said its free speech rights under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution should be a valid defense to the state's finding that it violated the New Mexico Human Rights Act. The law, similar to laws in 20 other U.S. states, bans discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. **REUTERS**

Another state

Former Mass. senator to kick off N.H. Senate run

Former Massachusetts Sen. Scott Brown, who has been mulling a Senate run in New Hampshire for the past few months, plans formally to announce his campaign on Thursday, the Republican said in a letter to supporters.

National Republican supporters have moved quickly to buy ads supporting Brown's potential run against Democrat Jeanne Shaheen, seeing the race as an opportunity to shrink Democrats' 55-43 majority in the upper chamber. **REUTERS**

SCOTT BROWN
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Disclosed records

Supreme Court won't take an early look at NSA spying case

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday turned down a long-shot request for a ruling on whether the U.S. government's gathering of Americans' phone records is unlawful.

The justices' refusal to intervene means the case will go forward in the appeals court, as scheduled.

Plaintiffs Larry Klayman and Charles Strange had said the issue was so important the high court should not wait for a Washington federal appeals court to rule in the case concerning the National Security Agency.

The Supreme Court will likely be asked to hear the case after the appeals court issues its ruling. **REUTERS**

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Sea creature fossil found sporting oldest-known cardiovascular system

Research. Fossil sheds new light on the evolution of animal body organization.

Fuxianhuia protensa measured up to about four and a half inches long, was covered in an exoskeleton, possessed numerous pairs of legs and had a "head shield" similar to those seen in shrimp. / GETTY IMAGES

You've heard of having a heart of stone, but this old guy takes it literally.

Scientists said on Monday that they have found a fossil of a shrimp-like creature that lived 520 million years ago with an exquisitely preserved heart and blood vessels that represent the oldest-known cardiovascular system.

Named Fuxianhuia protensa, the creature was a primitive arthropod, a group of invertebrates with external skeletons that includes crustaceans like crabs, lobsters and shrimp, as well as insects, spiders and millipedes.

The remarkable fossil, unearthed in Yunnan province in southwestern China, dates from the "Cambrian Explosion," a pivotal juncture in the history of life on Earth when many major animal groups first appeared more than half a billion years ago.

The soft parts of an animal's body tend to decay after death, meaning that fossils typically preserve only the hard parts like bones, teeth and shells. "However, under very exceptionally circumstances, soft tissue and anatomical organ systems can also be preserved in fossils," said paleontologist Xiaoya Ma.

In the case of Fuxianhuia protensa, the fossil showed a tubular heart in the middle of the body with a rich and elaborate system of blood vessels leading to the creature's eyes, antennae, brain and legs.

The cardiovascular system, including the heart and blood vessels, is an important organ system that permits blood to circulate around the body and to deliver oxygen and nutrients. Most animals have such a system, although those without a real body cavity like jellyfish and flatworms do not. REUTERS

Quoted

"It is an extremely rare and unusual case that such a delicate organ system can be preserved in one of the oldest fossils and in exquisite detail."

Xiaoya Ma, a paleontologist with the Natural History Museum in London, one of the researchers in the study published in the journal Nature Communications

Jail. Bulger claims in prison notes that he's 'no longer a threat'

James "Whitey" Bulger
HANDOUT PHOTO

Convicted gangster James "Whitey" Bulger has a message for members of Boston's criminal underworld: If you confess to a crime you committed, he's not coming for you.

Bulger was known for killing criminal associates who he suspected of talking to police while he ran Boston's "Winter Hill" gang in the 1970s and '80s.

The message came in a series of prison letters Bulger sent to a lawyer who is trying to get a 1980 murder conviction overturned for his client, Fred Weichel.

"I am no longer a threat to LA and he can tell why he was silent," Bulger wrote, using a code name for the person that he believed murdered Robert LaMonica in 1980.

In letters to attorney Michael Ricciuti, Bulger said he knew the identity of the real killer but would not testify to it. Weichel contends he was wrongly convicted of the LaMonica killing. REUTERS

Angus Houston, head of the Joint Agency Coordination Center leading the search for missing flight MH370, points to a graphic of the search area during a media conference in Perth. / GETTY IMAGES

Australia: New 'pings' best lead in jet search

Audible locator. The first "ping" signal detection was held for more than two hours.

An Australian ship searching for a missing Malaysia Airlines jetliner has picked up signals consistent with the beacons from aircraft black box recorders, in what search officials said on Monday was the most promising lead yet in the monthlong hunt.

The U.S. Navy's "towed pinger locator" connected to an Australian ship picked up the signals in an area some 1,040 miles northwest of Perth, which analysis of sporadic satellite data has determined as the most likely place Boeing 777 went down.

"I'm much more optimistic than I was a week ago," Angus Houston, head of the Australian agency coordinating the search, told a news conference in Perth, while cautioning that wreckage needed to be found for a confirmation.

If the signals can be narrowed further, an autonomous underwater vehicle will be sent to find wreckage on the sea floor to verify the signals, said Houston, who noted that the potential search area was 2.8 miles deep, the same as the vehicle's range.

The black boxes record cockpit data and may provide answers about what happened to the Malaysia Airlines plane, which was carrying 227 passengers and 12 crew when it vanished off radar on March 8 and flew thousands of miles off its Kuala Lumpur-to-Beijing route. Authorities have not ruled out mechanical problems as a cause of the plane's disappearance.

Authorities have not ruled out mechanical problems as a cause of the plane's disappearance but say evidence, including loss of communications, suggests it was deliberately diverted.

Malaysia's acting transport minister, Hishammuddin Hussein, told reporters in Kuala Lumpur he was "cautiously hopeful" that the signals picked up would lead to a positive finding soon.

"I am more optimistic than some of the leads we have had. This is something much more positive than others," he said. REUTERS

Quoted

"We are now in a very well-defined search area, which hopefully will eventually yield the information that we need to say that MH370 might have entered the water just here."
Houston

More car troubles

Ford to recall 400K vehicles

Ford Motor Co., said on Monday it would recall about 434,700 vehicles mainly in North America due to two separate and unrelated issues. The company is recalling about 385,750 Escape compact SUVs as rust could cause the vehicle's subframe and lower control arm to separate, potentially diminishing steering control. REUTERS

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Flash floods. Girl missing, 100 rescued after severe storms

A 9-year-old girl was missing and presumed dead on Monday after being swept away in flash floods triggered by severe storms in Mississippi, while more than 100 people were rescued from deluged apartment buildings in Alabama, authorities said.

Divers in Yazoo City, Miss., searched culverts and ditches for the girl, who was last seen on Sunday night playing in floodwaters near her home, said Joey Ward, director of the local emergency management agency.

The rescue effort was reclassified as a recovery on Monday as thunderstorms battered parts of the Southeast, bringing threats of hail and damaging winds. **REUTERS**

Washington state

Mudslide death toll rises to 33

The death toll from a massive mudslide that devastated a rural community in Washington state last month rose by three to 33 on Monday, with a dozen people still unaccounted for, county officials said.

A rain-soaked hillside collapsed without warning on March 22, above the north fork of the Stillaguamish River, sending a torrent of mud over the river and across state Highway 530, engulfing some three dozen homes on the outskirts of the tiny community of Oso. **REUTERS**

Colorado case

Alleged Colo. movie theater gunman seeks new venue

Lawyers for the man charged with mass murder in a 2012 shooting frenzy that left 12 people dead at a Colorado movie theater have asked that his upcoming trial be moved out of the suburban Denver county where the case has been prosecuted. Defense attorneys argued in their motion for a change of venue that James Holmes' right to a fair trial in Arapahoe County has been compromised by "pervasive media coverage" of the case locally. **REUTERS**

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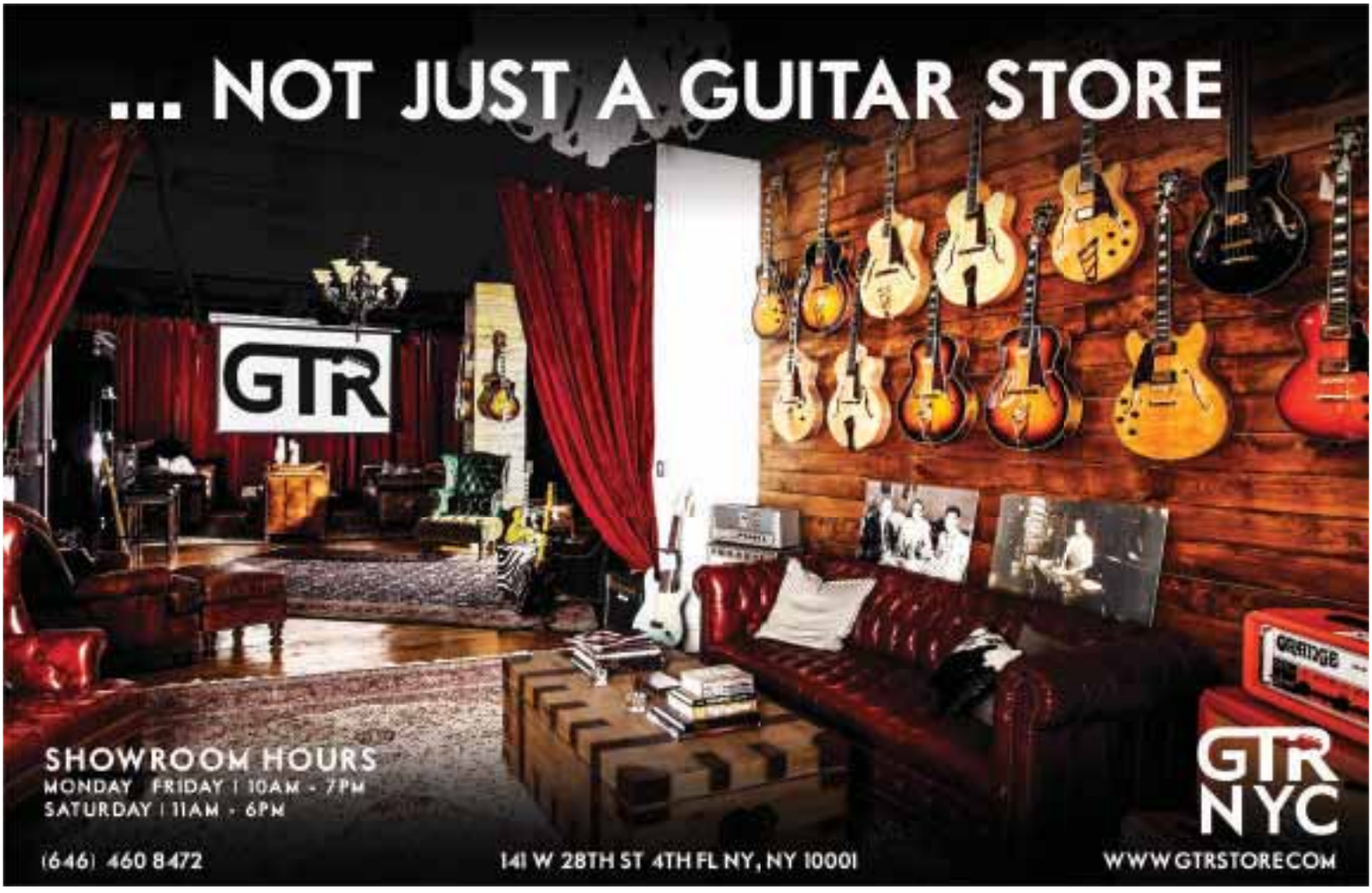
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Tensions. Pro-Moscow protesters seize arms and declare republic

Pro-Moscow protesters in eastern Ukraine seized arms in one city and declared a separatist republic in another, in moves Kiev described as part of a Russian-orchestrated plan to justify an invasion to dismember the country.

Kiev said the overnight seizure of public buildings in three cities in eastern Ukraine's mainly Russian-speaking industrial heartland were a replay of events in Crimea, the Black Sea peninsula Moscow seized and annexed last month.

Pro-Russian activists seize the main administration building in Donetsk. / GETTY IMAGES

"An anti-Ukrainian plan is being put into operation ... under which foreign troops will cross the border and seize the territory of the country," Prime Minister Arseny Yatseniuk said. "We will not allow this."

Pro-Russian protesters seized official buildings in the eastern cities of Kharkiv, Luhansk and Donetsk on Sunday night, demanding that referendums be held on whether to join Russia. REUTERS

Approves reform

Pope rules Vatican bank to stay operative

Pope Francis has approved a reform proposal keeping the Vatican bank operative, ending a year of speculation over whether the pontiff would close the institution.

The bank's stated purpose is to manage funds for Roman Catholic orders of priests and nuns, charitable institutions and Vatican employees and retirees. But it has been dogged by episodes of malpractice by people authorized to hold accounts there.

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The stats

Janice Marie Durrant

Age: 21
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Lives with: Her 5-year-old daughter
Number of jobs: One, and attends school full-time

Janice takes classes while her daughter is in school. / PROVIDED

Making it happen. Janice is reversing the stereotype that young single moms cannot succeed.

We all know living in a city is expensive. Our series shows how people make it work. This week, meet Janice, a 21-year-old single mom who is working and attending college full-time.

You're a junior at Temple University. What's your course load like?
I'm majoring in communication studies and minoring in Spanish. I take six back-to-back courses on Tuesdays and Thursdays, which is 18 credits. Fifteen credits is full-time, so 18 is called "overload" and has to be approved by the school.

And you work in addition to being a full-time student?
Last summer, I studied away in New York City, and it was really successful for me. Now, my job is to recruit other students to study away. I got hired as the presentation chair, so I give presentations in different classes to bring awareness to studying away.

Do you rely on this job for money?
I do. This is my only job and it's part-time. Right now I'm more concerned with finishing school, so this is what I can do to get money.

Not only are you a full-time student and working part-time, but you're also a single mom.
Yes. My daughter is 5. She goes to school while I'm at class. I pick her up from school every day except Tuesdays, which is when she goes to a non-profit organization where she gets to take singing and dance classes.

Were you ever tempted not to go to college and just start working?
Yes! Probably just yesterday. It's a lot of work. I don't want to be the mom that says, 'Oh I can't go to class today because my daughter is sick.' I still perform as a regular student. I want people to say I ultimately get the job done because I'm a hard worker, *and* I'm a mom.

Q&A

Do you think people have any misconceptions about what it means to be a young single mother?
Yes, and that's why I blog about it. It's [possible] to be a single mom and still [be successful], but it's something our society doesn't often see.

I started my blog as part of a class project when I was studying the gentrification of Spanish Harlem in New York City, but it just kind of blew up. I just hit 7,000 views and have 2,000 subscribers.

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Mixed bag. Linear career paths are hard to find, grads.

Blame the liberal arts: College students today are curious, multitalented and have a cadre of diverse interests. This is wonderful while in school, but it can mean your professional life, once you begin it, will be full of variation. If you shift from job to job, trying on different positions and sampling a variety of industries, you may be sabotaging your hireability — that is, unless you have a strategy to navigate your professional mobility through job transitions to leapfrog your career.

Job mobility

In a new study from The University of California at Berkeley, researchers found that freelancers who demonstrated a long-term work commitment were most likely to be hired.

After examining millions of candidate profiles on an online job site, Professor Ming D. Leung of the UC Berkeley Hass School of Business found that applicants whose work history demonstrated a number of similar positions were at a distinct advantage over the competition.

On the other hand, Dr. Leung discovered that freelancers who remained in one position for a long time or who took on various but dissimilar positions were perceived as less attractive to employers on the site.

Put differently, this university study hints that trying on different jobs is preferable and may give you an edge, as long as you stick within a single field.

Diversify

Contract gigs, side hustles, freelancing — all may appear as a series of horizontal moves on a very long résumé. But working hard on this kind of career-in-progress can result in an impressive, broad and diverse project portfolio, and produce an extensive network of professional contacts. Those are two big pluses for you — especially if you're multitalented.

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Other experts and studies have confirmed that zigzagging your way through a series of short-term assignments isn't detrimental to your overall progress — if you do it right. Thinking strategically, those short-term positions can actually help you develop transferable skills and demonstrate your professional flexibility and openness to change.

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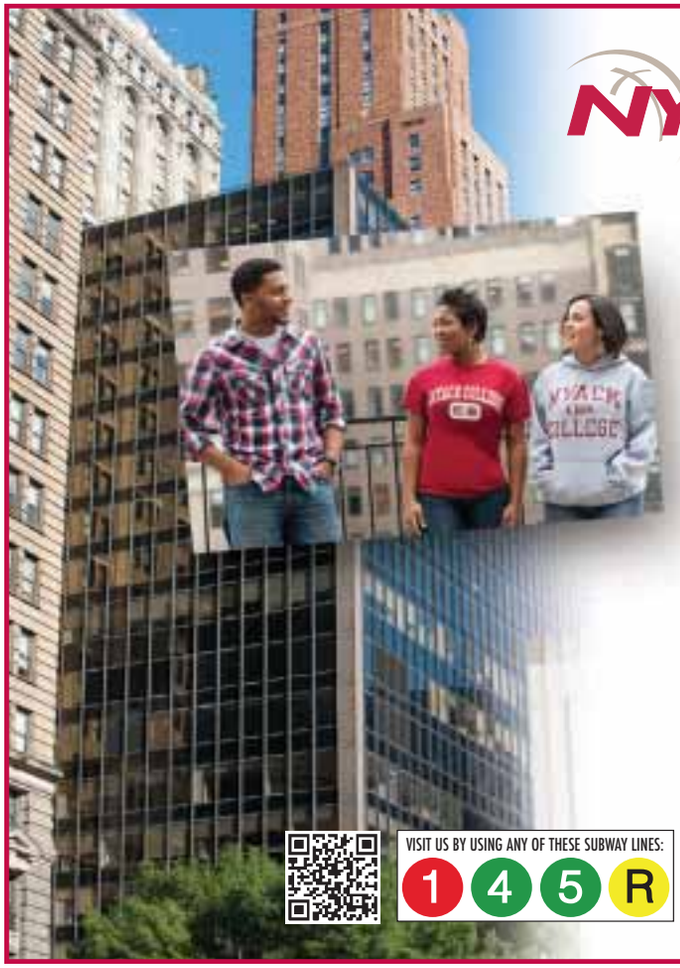

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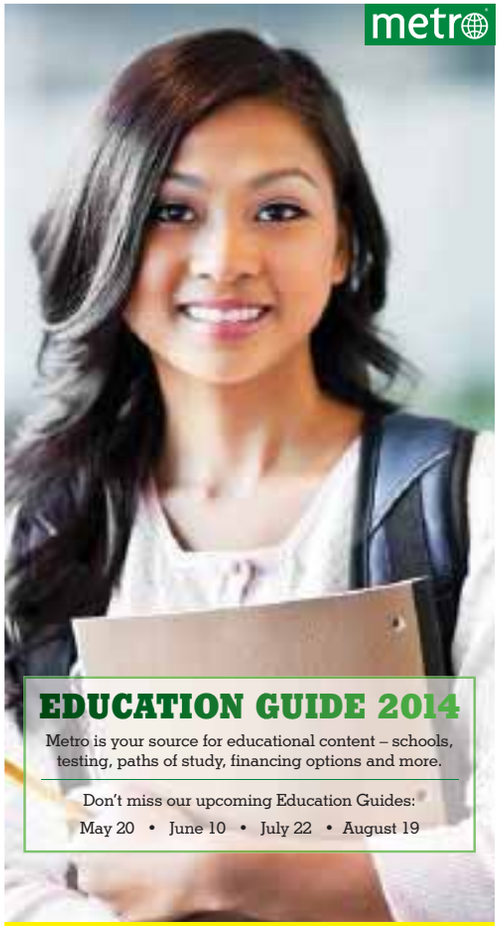
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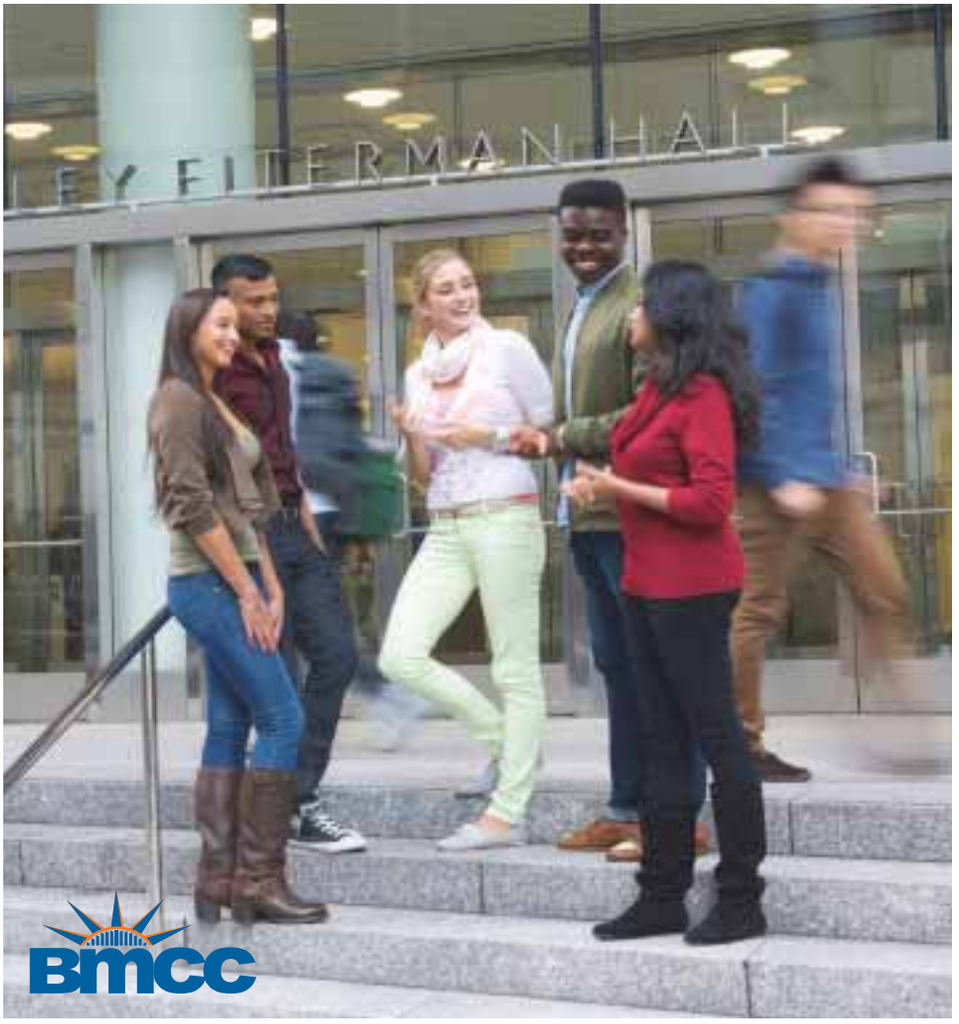

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Talking points

Geldof was 25.
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Peaches Geldof dead

British socialite Peaches Geldof has died at the age of 25. Geldof, who is the daughter of musician Bob Geldof and the late Paula Yates, leaves behind her husband, musician Thomas Cohen and two young sons, Astala, one, and Phaedra, who will turn one later this month, reports the BBC.

Police responded to a call near Wrotham, Kent, on Monday afternoon where they found Geldof. South East Coast Ambulance Service later pronounced the young TV presenter dead.

The British "it" girl was known for her style. As a teenager, she wrote a column for Elle magazine and also wrote for the Telegraph and the Guardian. She also worked as a model.

Yates, Geldof's mother, died of a drug overdose in 2000, when Geldof was only 11 years old. Geldof also is survived by her father, Boomtown Rats singer and Live Aid organizer Bob Geldof and sisters Fifi Trixibelle and Pixie Geldof and half-sister Tiger Lily Hutchence Geldof. **METRO**

The worst dressed at the ACM awards

When celebrities go a little bit country, a lot can go wrong. Here are the five celebrities who turned the most heads at the Academy of Country Music awards on Sunday night — and not in a good way. **EMILY LAURENCE**

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The worst-dressed

1 Stripper heels, a baby blue prom dress and a flashy silver belt are three things that just don't belong on a red carpet, even at an event presented by the Academy of Country Music. Poor Kacey Musgraves. Someone get her a stylist, stat.

2 "The Voice" alum Rae-Lynn is new at this whole red carpet game, so hopefully her next attempt will be a little, er, appropriate. Feathers and ankle straps do not a style star make.

3 If you do a quick glance, it looks like Miranda Lambert showed up to the ACM awards completely nude. Maybe she forgot to put her real dress on over her slip? Ironically, once you notice she is clothed, it's hard not to look at the part of her that's covered up the least: that bountiful cleavage.

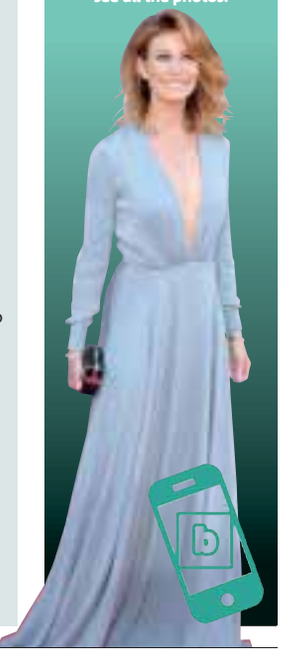
4 Shakira wasn't shy about showing what was "underneath her clothes" on Sunday night. The star was there to debut her new song with Blake Shelton, "Medicine." Shakira is stunning and is usually right on the money when it comes to style, but this dress — let's just say it — it's trashy. And not even like "Coal Miner's Daughter" trashy, but like "Mistress of the Night" trashy.

5 Oh Shawna Thompson. That poppy-covered tulle dress was a good idea in theory, but in actuality, the overall effect is too much. It's just too much.

Also at the ACM awards

The standouts

Legendary country singer Faith Hill (pictured below) stunned in an ethereal Yves Saint Laurent dress, which showed off her tiny frame. Later in the night, she took the stage with husband Tim McGraw to perform a duet of "Meanwhile Back At Mama's." Hill wasn't the only one who wowed on the red carpet. Taylor Swift, Carrie Underwood, Cassadee Pope, Kimberly Perry and more also rocked it. Blip the icon at the bottom to see all the photos.



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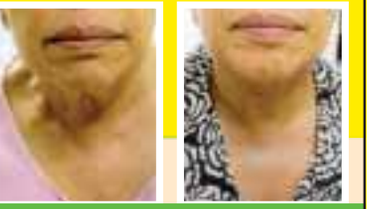

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Eating lemurs: 'Not f—ing OK'

Interview.
Narrating a doc about the critters made Morgan Freeman think about population.

Morgan Freeman steps behind the voice-over microphone once again for "Island of Lemurs: Madagascar," giving another nature documentary his "March of the Penguins" treatment — but the gig left him with more questions than answers. For example: Do people in Madagascar eat lemurs? He got a sobering answer at the film's press conference, learning that, due to worsening poverty on the island, people are actually eating the creatures. We wanted to know more.

So people are actually eating lemurs now.
It's not f—ing OK. Yeah, people are poor. I don't know what we're going to do about that. There are too many of us, I think. And because there are too many of us we are going to continue to grow, and we grow even faster because population growth is exponential. ... And I just read about how these countries get really concerned if the population starts to decline, because they suffer economically.

With Japan, right?
Yeah, yeah. They're concerned about the leveling off of the population growth. As long as your population is growing, I suppose, you're getting a bigger consumer base. That's not really what we need, is it?

This isn't a topic people like talking about.
Well, they won't until it's too late. And we won't know it's too late until it's too late. We're at 7.3 billion — probably more than that now. As I read it, in about 15 to 18 years there will be 8 billion.

What do we do with everyone?
Eventually there just won't be enough food. We're turning everything on the planet into food for humans. Daniel Quinn, who wrote "Ishmael," he talks about the difference in humans between "takers" and "leavers." Leavers are those people who live simplest — the forest people of Borneo, the leaf people of the Amazon. These are people who don't require much. They don't have cars. S—, I've got three cars and an SUV.

That's a lot of cars.
Yeah. My point being, we're takers. We're just gobbling up s—. And we're encouraged to do it.

Morgan Freeman poses with his lemur friend. / FILMMAGIC

Q&A

Back to basics

Have you thought about ways that you can pare things down?
Well, one of my cars is a Tesla, so I've reduced my carbon footprint somewhat. They're awesome, awesome cars. Very, very nice. A technological marvel. It's key-less.

It senses you.
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JAMES CAGNEY BARKS HIS WAY THROUGH 'THE OKLAHOMA KID'

'The Oklahoma Kid'

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The Western is all but dead today, but it's such a colossal part of Golden Age Hollywood that it's hard to believe there was a period — the 1930s — when the eight major studios made almost none of them. After a few major bombs early in the decade, the major studios saw them as untouchable. But they thrived among the poverty row studios. By decade's end they were back and flourishing. Everyone was in on the act, from John Ford ("Stagecoach") to Tyrone Power and Henry Fonda ("Jesse James"). Even James Cagney donned a cowboy hat to bark his way through "The Oklahoma Kid," a rare title now back among the crowds via Warner Bros.' on-demand Archive service.

Despite the promise of shifting Cagney from the mean streets to the Old West, Cagney's Kid isn't all menace. He's not a good guy, but he's not bad either. He's in between — a proto-Libertarian loner who hesitantly becomes the savior to a rough town plagued by a villainous saloon keeper (Humphrey Bogart, then a regular Cagney punching bag).

If Cagney isn't as fearsome here as when he's playing gangster, he's still a motormouthed spark plug who brings speed and comedy to a genre that often needs both. Cagney is the fastest gun and mouth in the West. It's too bad he didn't stick with the genre; his CV boasts only three more Westerns, one ("Arizona Bushwhackers") that only has his narration.

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James Cagney heads out to the Old West for "The Oklahoma Kid." / WARNER BROS.

Also out

'The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug'

The second of Peter Jackson's enlarged "Lord of the Rings" prequels is a bit more watchable than the first, which is to say it has a great deal less sickly hedgehogs.

'A Touch of Sin'

Chinese minimalist filmmaker Jia Zhang-ke ("The World") heads into more traditional fiction territory with his latest, which features three stories of horrendous violence that still speak to his love for digging deep into what ails his home nation.

Also out

'I Am Divine'

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The writer-actor has a love-hate relationship with Alan Partridge, his longest-lasting character.

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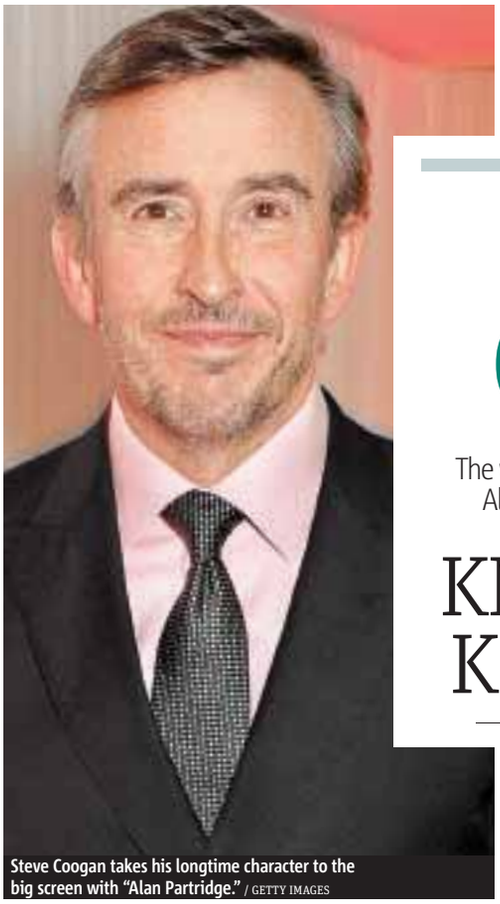

Steve Coogan takes his longtime character to the big screen with "Alan Partridge." / GETTY IMAGES

Steve Coogan has been on a roll, getting an Oscar nomination for co-writing "Philomena." Forthcoming is "The Trip to Italy," a sequel to the much-loved "The Trip." But he always has Alan Partridge, the character that first made him famous, who only now gets his very own movie, the succinctly named "Alan Partridge."

Alan Partridge began in 1991, meaning you've been living with him for about 23 years.

I have this kind of love/hate relationship with him, because I'm encumbered by him. He's prevented me from doing things I want to do, because he's been so successful. I got bored of him for a bit, but I like the character, I think he's funny. He's evolved, too. He's less cartoon-like, closer to me. He's a conduit into which I can throw all my frustrations and annoyances. Sometimes I think the things that Alan says are objectionable. Other times it's a way for me to say things I really, truly think. He's the guy who says "the emperor isn't wearing any clothes" sometimes.

He seems to have mellowed a bit as he's hit deep middle age.

He has to reflect the zeitgeist in some way. What's acceptable in the culture changes. Libertarian republicans who are comfortable with gay marriage — that would not have been the case 25 years ago. So the idea of the xenophobic right-wing person, even though that's still out there, becomes kind of tired. We found it more fun for him to embrace liberal attitudes — or for him to struggle to embrace liberal attitudes. At heart he's homophobic, but he tries to not be.

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FYI

Who's Alan Partridge?

Essentially the original Michael Scott from "The Office" (or, really, David Brent), Partridge is an egotistical, oblivious need-monster (and DJ). Coogan created him on the fake news radio show "On the Hour" in 1991, which led to the TV version, "The Day Today." He was the sports guy, prone to inane commentary.

Partridge was so popular that he was given his own spin-off chat show, "Knowing Me Knowing You With Alan Partridge," in 1994. Though the show-within-the-show was a disaster — which ended with him accidentally shooting a guest on air — the real deal was successful enough that it spawned two runs of "I'm Alan Partridge," which followed him in his daily life. Coogan has since revisited him with a web series and a faux-memoir.

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The sweet stench of punk rock

Smell-men. The Black Lips' guitarist discusses a live show that appeals to all of the senses.

Black Lips guitarist Cole Alexander wants his band's shows to stink. Not like he wants the band to perform poorly, but he wants to provide a scented experience for fans.

"We want to attack all senses, not just sight and hearing," Alexander says.

What kinds of aromas?

"We have a song called 'Dumpster Dive,'" he says of the group's olfactory concept, currently in the works. "I want to have the smell of trash come out during that song. And we have a song called 'Drugs,' I want the smell of marijuana and narcotics to permeate the air during the concert."

Alexander says it will be some time before showgoers can anticipate such a symphony of scent, but he says that they've long considered branching out into this realm. With some help from Ramdane Touhami of France's Cire Trudon, the oldest wax factory in the world and the provider of candles to the French proletariat back in the day, the Black Lips may soon see — er, smell — their own signature scent.

"He's a professional smell-man, basically," says Alexander. "He's the one who advised us about what to do."

According to Alexander, the people at Cire Trudon worked with NASA on making an approximation of the smell of the moon before putting it into a candle.

"I eventually want to get that scent in our set," says Alexander, "but first I'm gonna write a song about the moon."

Developing fragrances is only one new initiative for the Black Lips. A partnership with French clothiers April 77 recently produced a traditionally badass, signature Black Lips denim vest, on sale now and on view in their latest video for "Nightmare Field."

The jean vest features a skull-and-pot-leaf logo that looks like it could belong on any biker's back, but it fits right in with the band's rough-and-tumble aesthetic.

This is a group, after all, who were kicked out of a club in their home state of Georgia, for lighting a drum set on fire.

Unpredictability is part of their essence.

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The Black Lips' new album, "Underneath the Rainbow," is available now. / PROVIDED

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Sneak peek

A pot of gold?

Though the Black Lips' latest album, "Underneath the Rainbow" — titled as such as an ode to gay leprechauns, Alexander explains — was met with praise when it suddenly appeared online as a stream two weeks before its release date, it was not a move made by the band.

"That's something my label did, and they didn't even tell me about it," he complains.

Alexander says there's something to be said for buying an album before you know if you like it or not.

"I remember when I was little I'd buy a CD and if I didn't like it, it was devastating," he says. "I'd have to wait like two weeks for the grass to grow and I could mow the lawn and I could get enough for a CD. And if it sucked, it was just devastating. If they don't like it, I want them to just be devastated."

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This show is basically a new "Modern Family." If you like that show but think it's showing its age, try this one: There are new adorable kids and goofy blended-family hijinks to enjoy. **ABC, 9:30 P.M.**

"Trophy Wife" is not set in the '90s, despite this evidence to the contrary. MICHAEL ANSELL

Comedy

'The Mindy Project'

Fox seems determined to air as many of these things as possible all in a row, so you've got another hour of "Mindy" this week. Mindy and Danny are giving that whole dating thing a try this week. **FOX, 9 P.M.**

Drama

'Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.'

The team doesn't know who to trust anymore and might have a traitor in their midst! Maybe they could do a trust fall or two? **ABC, 8 P.M.**

Reality

'I Hate My Bath'

This is the first we at Metro have heard of this program, and we are excited. Do they only fix up the bathroom, so the rest of the person's house is still old and grimy? **DIY, 8:30 P.M.**

LISA WEIDENFELD

Is this real life?

Theater. "The Realistic Joneses" is actually more absurdist than you might expect.

If you go

'The Realistic Joneses'

Through July 6
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Michael C. Hall and Marisa Tomei play one of the two sets of Joneses. / JOAN MARCUS

Like TV's "Seinfeld," "The Realistic Joneses" is a show about nothing. It's often very funny and features a gang of four (all named Jones), although they are not as self-involved or minutiae-obsessed as their broadcast counterparts.

The Joneses have more serious things on their minds, to the extent they have anything on their minds at all. Bob (Tracy Letts) has a degenerative nerve disease known as Harriman Leavy Syndrome, as does, it seems, his new neighbor, John (Michael C. Hall). Bob's case of HLS appears considerably further advanced. He is taken care of by his patient wife, Jennifer (Toni Colette), the most grounded member of the quartet. John's wife, Pony (Marisa Tomei), knows nothing of his condition.

While the disease features prominently in the play, it's more peripheral than focal. It's hard for anything of substance to take center stage given the endless barrage of nonsensical non-sequiturs, coming especially from John. Hall is absolutely hysterical in the role, a study in guileless deadpan. Tomei is also very funny as John's sexy but off-kilter wife. Wide-eyed and quirky, she's so impulsive that she gets together with Bob to "exchange bodily fluids," as John describes their tryst. A very solid Colette anchors the play; she and Letts function more or less as straight men, but each provides some laughs as well.

"The Realistic Joneses" will disappoint those looking for a linear plot or even the payoff of a distinct ending. But playwright Will Eno's dizzying tilt-a-whirl of a comedy is just the ticket if you're up for a ride for its own sake.

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Comedy. The "Seinfeld" writer's guide to life book isn't your average self-help read.

When it comes to a career in entertainment, funny-woman Carol Leifer is a seasoned vet. Drawing on nearly four decades of a career in stand-up, the famed comedy writer offers tips and tricks for getting ahead in her new book, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Crying." Part memoir, part guide to life, and all incredibly funny, Leifer imparts the wisdom she has gained from the experiences — good and bad — that she has had over her fruitful career. From her days as writer on the seminal show "Seinfeld," to appearances on "Oprah" and "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson," Leifer freely recounts the different stages of her life through a clear, smooth and amusing writing style that mirrors her famed comedic delivery.

We talk with Leifer about some of the surprising and honest advice she's accumulated over the years.

Tip

If you're not failing, you're not doing something right

Any good long career has a lot of failure. To be a good stand-up comic you have to really suck for a long period of time; it's the only way you get good. Don't be afraid of failure, it's inevitable and you learn the most from those low points. As any successful person will tell you, it's par for the course.

Keep your sour cream off the table

In other words, don't hold a grudge. Don't turn bitter when an opportunity doesn't pan out. Sour cream belongs in the fridge, not out in the open where everyone can see it spoil.

Tenacity will always make you a winner

Whatever job you're in or aspire to get, you'll never go wrong sharing your genuine enthusiasm with those involved and keeping tabs with folks you meet as you pursue your goals.

Respect your Yodas

Always respect the greats, in whatever business you choose. After nearly 40 years, I now see this from the perspective of an old-timer. When someone comes up to me and rattles off one of my jokes from my college days I realize how nice it is to be acknowledged for whatever contribution you make to your field.

Embrace being in the minority

Being female is a tremendous advantage, and always will be. The great thing about women is that we think differently than men. While working on "Seinfeld," I wrote an episode where Elaine thinks her manicurists are talking about her behind her back in Korean. It's doubtful that a man would have come up with that idea. Use what makes you different to your advantage. That will always put you out ahead.

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Author Myra Macpherson has been reporting on the women's movement since the 1970s. / PROVIDED

Are these sisters the most scandalous feminists of all time?

Nonfiction. Myra Macpherson's new book, "The Scarlet Sisters," is about two women in the 1800s. But it couldn't be more timely.

"The Scarlet Sisters: Sex, Suffrage and Scandal in the Gilded Age" will surprise you in how shockingly Victoria Woodhull and Tennessee "Tennie" Claflin acted in the name of feminism, before feminism was even a term. These women were truly ahead of their time.

Since they weren't as squeaky clean as, say, Susan B. Anthony or Eleanor Roosevelt, the Scarlet sisters aren't a pair you learn about in school. But Macpherson made sure this duo went down in the books. "They were considered tramps and outsiders, and they were just written out of the women's movement," she says. "But they were fearless. They went head-to-head with the most famous man in America and were put in jail. The sisters were speaking out about violence and rape in marriages and the treatment of women."

Before the Scarlet sisters spoke out, marital rape was something that was not talked about. But through her research, Macpherson found solid evidence that it was happening. At the time, the law allowed husbands to have sex with their wives whenever they wanted, even if she didn't want to. Victoria and Tennie weren't afraid to talk about sex, marriage or even abortion.

Macpherson has been reporting on feminism and the women's rights movement since the '70s, and says while there are women today acting fearlessly, as Victoria and Tennie did, we might not be paying enough attention. "I think there are some very strong women today who are speaking out. My main concern is that the younger women just don't understand that it might all be taken away, because they take it for granted," she says.

One of the things that gets Macpherson excited about modern feminism is the ability of a single tweet or blog post to spark something. "The real question is, how do you galvanize women to do this?" she asks. "We just have to get women excited about it, and I think maybe then there will be some sort of revolution."

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On feminism today

Still not equals

Though much has changed since the days of the Scarlet sisters, Macpherson still has strong ideas about what the women's rights movement still needs to accomplish. "No. 1, with absolute clarity, is equal pay for equal work. This continues to happen, and if women can't have economic growth, they can't be independent. There's been way too much emphasis on the 'mommy wars' and how women can have it all. Many women have to work; they don't have the luxury of choice," she says. "We need more women leaders and in politics. Given the fact that we are over 50 percent of the population, half the Senate should be comprised of women. And when that happens, there is going to be an enormous change."

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Snorkel around a sunken ship

Legend has it that a ship called The Snigg was coming from Belize, missed the entrance to the channel and sank in the reef. Rent gear with Mike at Black Pearl Divers (www.blackpearldivers.com) and explore The Snigg for yourself. The boat sits in shallow water, so it's hard not to be overwhelmed. Once you take it all in, though, poke around and see how an abundance of fish and coral have made the vessel part of their habitat.

Where to stay: This excursion is only open to guests at Las Verandas (www.las-verandas.com), which had a soft opening last year. The sprawling property is part of Pristine Bay Resort, a larger development. At Las Verandas, you'll wake up to the waves lapping outside your beach-front villa. Start your day or end your night with a dip in your villa's own private pool. Into golf? The Pete Dye-designed course is ranked No. 1 in Honduras. On your first night, you may be tired from traveling, so take it easy and dine at the property's Las Pergolas restaurant. The produce comes from Blue Harbor Tropical Arboretum, a bustling hydroponic farm on the island.

Beach it on your own private island

Hop a ferry to Pigeon Cay, a private white-sand island, for a day of undisturbed relaxation. Before you head out, swing by a gas station (yes, you read that right) to pick up a baleada for lunch on the beach. It's like a Honduran take on a breakfast burrito: eggs, chorizo, beans, avocado, cheese and sour cream wrapped in a tortilla. The locals eat them at all times of the day.

Where to stay: For a truly off-the-grid experience, book a stay at Mango Creek Lodge (www.mangocreeklodge.com). Welcoming managers DD and Doc run the small group of waterfront huts that boast just the necessities for the perfect warm-weather vacation: a bed, a bathroom and a hammock.

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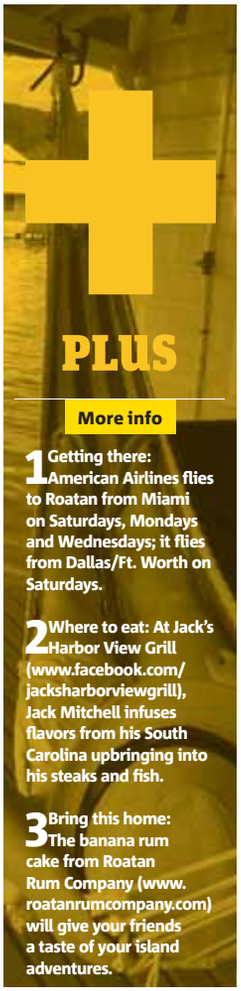
You're gonna get muddy

Get down and dirty on a dune buggy

The guides leading the Sand Blasters Dune Buggy Tour (www.roatanmjtours.com) are knowledgeable and friendly, but the real star of their show is Panchita, their domesticated pet monkey who will happily sit on your shoulder if you'd like. Sand Blasters' go-carts look like they would easily roll over, but are surprisingly stable. And for good reason: Your first course takes you up rocky mountains that don't have roads. From there, you'll traverse the jungle, a mud pit (we suggest wearing clothes you won't mind leaving behind) and the private Palmetto Beach, which only the locals really know to visit. Rinse off in the crystal-clear water before the tour ends.

Where to stay: The tour will bring you to eco-friendly Palmetto Bay Plantation (www.palmettobayplantation.com), a resort that, like Mango Creek, also has private huts. Hit the outdoor restaurant for a banana smoothie and to take in the view. Does it look familiar? "Temptation Island" filmed there in the early 2000s.

You'll need goggles and a bandana for your dune buggy ride.



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More info

1 **Getting there:** American Airlines flies to Roatan from Miami on Saturdays, Mondays and Wednesdays; it flies from Dallas/Ft. Worth on Saturdays.

2 **Where to eat:** At Jack's Harbor View Grill (www.facebook.com/jacksharborviewgrill), Jack Mitchell infuses flavors from his South Carolina upbringing into his steaks and fish.

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‘Project Kid’ is your rainy-day lifesaver

Boredom buster. See 100 craft ideas in Amanda Kingloff’s new book.

April showers may bring May flowers, but it still means a whole month of being trapped inside with your kids driving you crazy. Hitting bookstores Tuesday is Amanda Kingloff’s, “Project Kid: 100 Ingenious Crafts for Family Fun.” Even if you usually leave the crafting to teachers and parents who have their playdates more together than you, the step-by-step pictures make it pretty impossible to screw up these crafts.

Kingloff will be hosting two crafting events for kids in New York City this spring (see below). Start practicing your crafting in advance with the following project (from “Project Kid”):

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100 Ingenious Crafts for Family Fun
Smart and Surprising Projects to Make with and for Your Kids
AMANDA KINGLOFF

“Project Kid” has 100 easy-to-do crafts, including this one, called “Four Seasons.” / ARTISAN BOOKS, ALEXANDRA GRABLEWSKI

Project. The Four Seasons

Materials

- 4 pinecones
- Red, yellow, orange and various shades of green yarn
- 4 dime coin rolls
- Scissors
- Tacky glue
- 2 to 3 pink straws
- 4 to 6 cotton swabs
- One ½-inch artificial bird (available from CreateForLess.com)
- White paint
- 1-inch foam brush

1 Using colors that correspond to spring, summer and fall, wrap yarn in and out of pinecones’ scales until they look full. Leave the yarn attached to the skein as you wrap and cut it off only when you are finished. Glue the ends to secure. To create the trucks, cut coin rolls to about 1 ½ inches tall and glue them to the bottom of each cone.

2 To make the flowers for the spring tree, cut the straws into 1-inch segments. Snip four slits about ¼-inch long into the end of the straw, then flare out the five ends like petals. Cut a cotton swab of its stick and glue it into the center of the straw. Glue eight to 12 of these around the tree, wedging them between the scales.

3 For the summer tree, glue a small bird to the very top perch.

4 Since a winter tree has no leaves (or in this case, yarn), dab white paint on the tips of the pinecone as snow.

If you go

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The book's 54 photos show what childhood means, near and far. It took three years for Galimberti and Machell to capture these moments. Here, they share three. EMILY LAURENCE

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♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Get involved in neighborhood or district activities. You will be proud of your contribution and will be helping the community, to boot.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Professional gain is in the stars. Prepare to take on additional responsibilities. Someone will notice you if you are dedicated.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Stop punishing yourself by reliving past mistakes. Be rational, and prove to yourself and others that you are willing to move forward.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Someone having health issues will need assistance. Be available to lend a helping hand. Practice sound money management.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Don't let anyone convince you to part with your money. You will not get the rewards you have been promised. Spend your dollars wisely by investing.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Don't let issues with a loved one prevent you from your responsibilities. Be cautious about revealing personal details.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Your ingenuity will inspire others. Brainstorming with compatible colleagues will provide ideas for many new and exciting ventures.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Financial dealings look promising. An older relative may be a burden, but know that you have done everything in your power to help out.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Your personal life has been overlooked while you've been following your professional dreams.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Make use of an opportunity to share your ideas with established individuals. A career move you initiate will set the stage for more achievements in the future.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Creativity and romance go hand in hand. Put your mate's desires ahead of your own and plan a day of memorable activities.

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Letters

Rich? Founders wanted (only) your vote

Re: 'McCutcheon decision equals corruption of free speech in America' (Metro, April 7) In answer to the question by a letter writer, did the founders want government limited to the rich, the answer is; yes, they did. At that time, voting rights were limited to male property owners. Senators were appointed by state governors and the Senate was to choose the president. The founders felt that only those with a financial interest in the nation should be allowed to take part in its governance, i.e. taxpayers.

STEVE HALL, VIA EMAIL

Torture in the name of US freedom

Re: 'Democrat Pelosi says Former VP Cheney set tone for CIA interrogation practices' (Metro, April 7) Shame on Rep. Nancy Pelosi and Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who in my opinion do not love this country and who are more sympathetic to terrorists than the 3,000 lives that were lost on Sept. 11. And as for the brutal interrogation techniques — whatever it takes to ensure the safety of this country. Tough times need tough measures.

MARY RUGGIERO, VIA EMAIL

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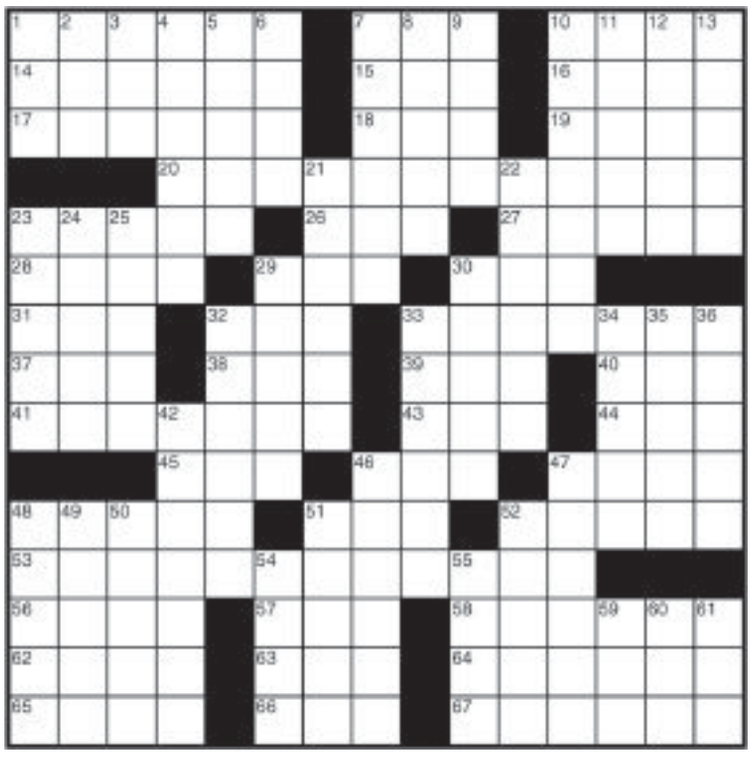

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Yankees share win, laughs in home open

MLB. Derek Jeter's nearly botched double highlighted a day of good feelings in the Bronx opener.

Derek Jeter's reason for briefly watching his fifth-inning double head toward the left field wall sounded less like an explanation and more like a comedy hour for the Yankee captain.

"Well, I decided to test to make sure my legs were still good," Jeter deadpanned. "So I waited a little bit and picked up the speed when I needed to — to show my legs were still good. It's almost a little bit like an audition."

Jeter and the Yankees had plenty of opportunities for laughs after Monday's 4-2 win over the Orioles in the home opener. Jeter finished 1-for-4, with his lone hit being the double to the wall.

"Of course [I got some ribbing]," Jeter said. "I thought it was a home run. So when I hit it, I thought it was going to be a home run and then I thought it was going to be foul and then the next thing you know it ricocheted right to the left fielder. There were some guys laughing until a couple of them hit some balls into the wind."

The Yankees won their 20th home opener in 23 years since 1992 when current Baltimore manager Buck Showalter led a 76-win team to a 4-3 victory over the Red Sox. The only ones they've lost since Jeter became the starting shortstop were in 2009 to Cleveland and last season to the Red Sox — a game Jeter missed due to injury.

"When we watched him last year, he labored all year," manager Joe Girardi said. "That was the first thing that I looked for when I got to spring training and we never saw it at any point which was encouraging for me."

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Derek Jeter grounded into a double play in the third, but a run was scored. / GETTY IMAGES

Robertson to DL

No, Mariano Rivera will not be coming out of retirement. But David Robertson's tenure as closer did hit a snag Monday as he was placed on the 15-day DL with a strained groin. Robertson had two saves in three innings this year.

- "It's definitely a little frustrating," Robertson said. "[It] seems like something always happens to me."
- Shawn Kelley earned his first career save on Monday.

NFL. Former Giants running back Brown signs with Houston

When the Giants signed Rashad Jennings last month it all but spelled the end of Andre Brown's tenure in New York.

It was made official on Monday when Brown signed with Houston on a one-year deal.

Brown was drafted by the Giants in 2009 out of N.C. State, but ended up bouncing around the league before returning to the Giants in 2012. He rushed for 385 yards and eight touchdowns on 73 carries as a fill-in for Ahmad Bradshaw. But he broke his leg later that season, ending his breakout season. METRO

Back to Manhattan

Masiello to keep head job at Manhattan

Steve Masiello cost himself one job, but a lie on his resumé will not cost him two.

Manhattan announced Masiello will return as head coach next season after finishing up his undergraduate degree at Kentucky this summer.

MASIELLO LOST TO MENTOR RICK PITINO IN THE TOURNEY. GETTY IMAGES

Masiello was set to become the head coach at USF before a background check discovered he never graduated from Kentucky as he had claimed.

"I am extremely grateful and humbled by the opportunity to continue as the head men's basketball coach at Manhattan College," Masiello said in a statement. "I made a mistake that could have cost me my job at an institution I love."

Masiello, 36, led Manhattan to the MAAC title in 2014. METRO

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Potential No. 1?

Manziel to work out for Texans

It's entirely possible 2013 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel working out for the Texans means nothing. Then again, they could be making all of Texas very happy. According to multiple reports, Manziel will have a private workout with the owners of the No. 1 pick on April 21. They will also work out UCF quarterback Blake Bortles next week.

Watch online

Find video and recap of Tuesday's Yankees-Orioles home opener at: **Metro.us/sports.**

Backing his man

BROWN WAS 23-59 IN ONE YEAR WITH THE KNICKS. GETTY IMAGES

Brown slams Knicks for treatment of Woodson

Larry Brown probably doesn't have many friends in the Knicks' organization for how his rocky tenure ended, but he burned those remaining on Monday by ripping into the team's handling of head coach Mike Woodson.

"For a guy that really turned that franchise around and made people proud of the way they played, I don't think he's been treated fairly," Brown told SiriusXM. "And that really bothers me."

Knicks owner James Dolan admitted at the press conference introducing Phil Jackson as the team's new president he had first approached Jackson about becoming coach — even with Woodson under contract and coaching the team.

"I don't think you treat people like that," Brown said. "And in the long run there is bad karma when you do that."

Woodson served as an assistant to Brown while he was head coach in Philadelphia.

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Jeter threw out the first pitch with, from left, Mariano Rivera, Jorge Posada and Andy Pettitte. Jeter caught Pettitte, joking he was avoiding Rivera's cutter. / GETTY IMAGES

Jeter soaks in last debut

MLB. The Yankee captain was honored in his final home opener.

The Yankees' 2014 home opener was the 2,608th regular season game in Derek Jeter's career.

But despite Jeter's reputation for downplaying ceremony, the team pulled out a few honors, including reuniting former "Core Four" members Andy Pettitte, Mariano Rivera and Jorge Posada to throw out the first pitch.

It was the first time Rivera and Pettitte were at the Stadium since Rivera's emotional send-off on Sept. 26, 2013.

"I never take anything for granted," Jeter said. "I get the fact that I had success my first year, but you only get a chance to do this for a short period of time in your life, so you need to make the most of it. And I've tried to make the most out of it my 20 years here."

Jeter was also careful to acknowledge the perception he won't enjoy a victory lap around the league is untrue.

"Well, their perception is wrong," Jeter said. "I will enjoy it. Every city I go to, every game I play, I will enjoy it. What they think, how they think I feel, they're wrong on that one. But at the same time, I get the fact that I have to play a game, and I have to play a season. I think not enjoying it is the wrong way to put it. Balancing it, I think, is the better way to put it."

Jeter received a nice hand from the crowd pregame — both in introductions and throwing out the first pitch.

"They've treated me with respect," Jeter said. "I've always said that Yankees fans are the greatest fans in the world. That is no disrespect to any other team or any other sport. That's just how I feel."

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The home opener was the first of many opportunities Yankee legends will have to wax nostalgic about Derek Jeter in his final year. A former teammate, and his first manager, reflected.

- **Andy Pettitte, teammate from 1995-2003, 2007-10, 2012-13**: "You know this is going to be the last time you're in uniform on Opening Day. As much as you want to play the game, in the back of his mind, he knows this is it. Just soak it up, embrace it. He's going to blink, and the season's going to be over. It just goes by so fast."
- **Buck Showalter, manager, 1995**: Guys like Derek, it doesn't surprise you what they do. ... He always thought [about] the way his words carried and how his words affected teammates and the organization. That happened with his mom and his dad and his upbringing. A lot of people get called up [to the majors] and have the disease of 'me.' And Derek never fell in that."

Zo earns his honor

Mourning highlights Basketball Hall of Fame

One of the biggest thorns in the Knicks' side throughout the 1990s has now taken his spot in the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Former Heat center Alonzo Mourning headlines the 2014 Hall of Fame class, named on Monday. He also spent a brief time across the river with the Nets in 2003-04.

Mourning starred at Georgetown, where he earned First-Team All-American honors as a senior in 1992. He was drafted No. 2 overall by the Hornets, behind only future Hall of Famer Shaquille O'Neal.

While he brought the Hornets to the playoffs twice, it was in Miami that he established his legacy and a rivalry with Knicks fans. The Heat made the playoffs each of his first seven years in Miami, knocking the Knicks out in 1997, but being eliminated by New York in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

Mourning, a seven-time All-Star, was known for his physical play in the low post. / GETTY IMAGES

Mourning won two Defensive Player of the Year awards and finished sixth all-time in blocks per game. He retired in 2003 after needing a kidney transplant, but returned and played until 2008.

Joining Mourning in the Hall of Fame this year will be Maryland head coach Gary Williams, who won an NCAA title in 2002, and Arkansas head coach Nolan Richardson, who won a title in 1994.

Former NBA commissioner David Stern will go into the Hall of Fame as a contributor. He retired in February. Also, former Knicks guard Nat Clifton was named to the Hall by the African-American pioneers committee.

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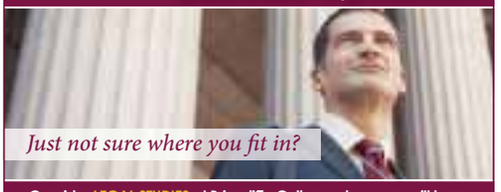

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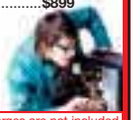

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